

REMARKS

In the patent application, claims 12, 13, 24-26, 32-34, 37-48 are pending. In the notice of allowance, mailed July 16, 2007, all pending claims are allowed.

Among the pending claims, applicant has canceled claims 41-48; amend claims 12, 13, 26, 34, and 37-40; and add new claims 49-68.

Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to add a word "further".

Claim 26 has been amended to change the wording of the claim. As amended, claim 1 has a method step in the characteristic part of the claim.

Claim 34 has been amended to change the word "the" to "a".

Claims 37 and 38 have been amended to change "an apparatus for" to "means for".

Claim 39 has been amended to move part of the preamble to the characteristic part, and to combine "a module for selecting" and "a module for changing" into "a control module" which carries out both the selecting function and the changing function. The support for the control module can be found on p.15, lines 5-15.

Claim 40 has been amended to change "the changing module" to "the control module" as in claim 39.

New claims 49-52 are directed to a method of encoding a video sequence. The support for these claims can be found in claims 12, 13 and 26, and p.18, lines 9-10 of the specification.

New claims 53-56 are directed to a method of decoding a video sequence. The support for these claims can be found in claims 12, 13 and 26; p.18, lines 9-10 and p.18, line 30 to p.19, line 3 of the specification.

New claims 57 to 60 are directed to an encoder. The support for these new claims can be found on p.15, lines 5-15; p.17, lines 1-3; p.18, lines 9-10 of the specification.

New claims 61 and 64 are directed to a decoder. The support for these new claims can be found on p.17, lines 19-27; p.18, lines 9-10 of the specification.

New claims 65 and 66 are directed to a method and apparatus for encoding. The support for these new claims can be found on p.14, line 27 to p.15, line 4; p.16, lines 17-22.

New claims 67 and 68 are directed to a method and apparatus for decoding. The support for these new claims can be found on p.17, lines 4-27.

No new matter has been introduced.

Respectfully



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